

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Alan R. Tall, Carrie L. Welch, and Chien-Ping Liang  
U.S. Serial No. : Not Yet Known  
Filed : Herewith  
For : ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE LOCUS 1 (ATHSQ1) AND ATHEROSCLEROSIS SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE LOCUS 2 (ATHSQ2)

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New York, New York 10036  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3-4, 6-8, 13-14, 16-17, 22, 24, 32-36 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 3-4, 6-8, 13-14, 16-17, 22, 24, 32-36 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment claims 1-2, 5, 9-12, 15, 18-21, 23, and 25-31 will be pending and under examination.

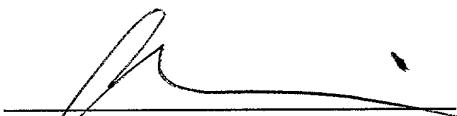
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prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$755.00 fee for filing the subject application, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if a fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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